GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:405
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2003
UTILISATION OF FUNDS RECEIVED FROM CENTRAL ROAD FUND
VINAY KUMAR SORAKE

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Safety Fund created in 2001 is supposed to finance manning of unmanned level crossings and conversion of level crossings into road over/under bridges;

(b) if so, whether funds received from Central Road Fund from 1999to 2002 were not fully utilised for the specified purposes and whether a huge balance of Rs.393 crores was lying unused at the end of 2001-02;

(c) whether a large number of such works under CRF are still pending to be executed in Dakshin Kannada region; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 405 BY SHRI VINAY KU SORAKE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.08.2003 REGARDING UTILISATION OF FUNDS RECEIVED CENTRAL ROAD FUND

(a): Yes Sir. Railway Safety Fund is used to fund road safety works including manning of unmanned level crossings and conversion of level crossings into Road Over Bridges/Road Under Bridges.

(b): Railway Safety Fund is non lapsable in nature. The closing balance in the Fund as on 31.3.02 was Rs.392.03 crore.

(c): No Sir. No work under Railway Safety Fund (funded from Central Road Fund) is pending to be executed in Dakshin Kannada region.

(d): Does not arise.